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Serial No. 10/027,330 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORING  
STORAGE OPERATING SYSTEM DATA IN SWITCH PORTS, by Susan M. Coatney  
et al. --

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On page 3, please replace the first paragraph with the following:

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-- This ownership information is stored in two locations. In the example of a known file system, each disk has a predetermined sector named sector S that contains the definitive ownership information. In one embodiment, sector S is sector zero of the disk. The second source of this ownership information is through the use of Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) level 3 reservations. These SCSI-3 reservations are described in SCSI Primary Commands – 3, by T10 of the National Committee for Information Technology Standards, which is incorporated fully herein by reference. This method for implementing disk ownership is described in commonly owned U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/027,457 by Sue Coatney, et al., which is hereby incorporated by reference.

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#### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to convert attorney docket numbers to serial numbers and to correct a typographical error. Care was taken to not introduce new matter.